

Orders is just what I wanted,
as my first effort in classifica-
tion is to make my students
(if I can do it) learn to distinguish
the orders, & thus dispense with
the artificial key as far as possible.
My students will get the 9 Orders very greatly.
The plates we have already talked
about & the index. The list of
species, alphabetically arranged,
of large genera like Actes and
Solidago & Cary will save a vast
amount of time to the beginner
as well as others. And the full
list of English names in some
quarters will be very acceptable.
The general arrangement of the
orders & will always be a trouble
to me as I must learn an en-
tirely new arrangement.

The new edition of Wood's Bot. & Ferns
I sent for & found that while the
introductory lessons had been some-
what improved, the Manual part
had not been changed except by the
addition of sedges & grasses. I was
quite disappointed - Yrs. H. G. Jones -

Kind regards & say you - I am getting
on with my work very well.

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My dear Watson,

It was certainly very
obliging in you to enlighten my
ignorance in reference to the
plants I sent & which have been
a puzzle to me for a number
of years, I think I now fully
understand what they are and
partly because I have studied
them more carefully lately.

As I write in my journal, Prof.
C. Hitchcock has a quantity
of what I see to be undoubted
Arabia confinis, collected for
him with other plants by one
of my most careful students
& which are ticketed, Hanover.
He had ^{also} the sp. perfoliata which
is apparently all I have found here.

I was hoping that the plant
labeled a. Drummondii by
Elihu Hall & from the far west
might be your real Drummon-
dii & not confinis.

As to the Vitis, while the dis-
cussion was going on I did
not know what to do with
our common Frost Grape & am
glad to have it located.

The large fruited sp. you show
V. riparia-Labrusca I do not
recall much about, but around
our deserted farm houses and
near some not deserted is a
grape with the characteristics
of V. Labrusca as I knew it in
Conn. & which I have heard
call "Connecticut Grape" & pre-
sume was brought from that state.
If I can think of it, I will

pay more attention to the
matter the coming season.

Myosotis laxa is I see our plant.
Not knowing about Mr. Jalcott's
the cultivated kind I think, I did
not note the difference.

M. arvensis is found in many of
our neglected gardens, but I
must see if this be not the
Jalcott's after all.

At Albany I think I have called
the great bushy Aster, A. panic-
ulatus (nervosus) but I was
not so sure of it here - I ought
to spend a summer here in
doing just such work.

And now let me say something
of the new Manual. Notwith-
standing Mr. Green's attacks
upon your work, he found it
hard work to make any serious
charges. The new features I like
- the admirable synopsis of the